GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:450 ANSWERED ON:07.07.2004 FUNDS TO MAHARASHTRA . Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds sanctioned and released by the Union Government to Maharashtra for the development of National Highways/Express Highways/State Highways and to connect the villages with National Highways;
- (b) the details of the funds utilised by the State Government under various Heads till June 30, 2004 out of the amount so sanctioned;
- (c) the extent to which progress has been achieved in this regard; and
- (d) the action being taken by the Government to ensure the proper utilisation of remaining funds by the State Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a), (b) & (c): This Ministry is responsible for maintenance & development of National Highways. Maintenance and development of State Highways is the responsibility of the State Government. There is no Express Highway in Maharashtra under the Ministry. The total allocation & expenditure incurred on National Highways is as under:

Year Allocation (Rs. in crore) Expenditure(Rs. in crore)

2002-03 119.78 119.78 2003-04 127.76 127.76 2004-05 38.00 (so far) 7.50(upto 30th June ,2004)

There is no scheme with the Ministry for providing connectivity to villages from National Highways.

(d): As far as National Highways are concerned Government of Maharashrta have been fully utilizing the funds.